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Applicants: B.P. Eddy et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT122431
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING DISTRIBUTED
APPLICATION AND DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM TOPOLOGIES WITH
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION IN A NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reexamined.

Claims 1-38 are pending in this application. The Office Action mailed October 9, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"), rejected Claims 1-6, 9-18, 20-31, and 33-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,903,755, issued to Pugaczewski et al. (hereinafter "Pugaczewski et al."). Claims 7, 8, 19, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pugaczewski et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,146,568, issued to Richardson (hereinafter "Richardson"). Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Rejection of Claims 1-6, 9-18, 20-31, and 33-38 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

As indicated above, Claims 1-6, 9-18, 20-31, and 33-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pugaczewski et al. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 recites, in its entirety:

1. In a computer system having a graphical user interface, a method for generating topological and management information, the method comprising:

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